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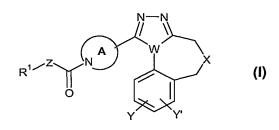
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, wherein: X represents NR or O; R represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl or  $SO_2[C_{,1-8}$  alkyl]; W represents N or CH; Y and Y' independently represent hydrogen, halogen, OH,  $CF_3$ ,  $OCF_3$ , CN,  $NH_2$   $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyloxy or  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl; Ring A represents a heterocyclic ring containing at least one nitrogen atom; Z represents a direct link,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl or  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl;  $R^1$  represents  $R^2$ ,  $OR^2$ ,  $OR^3$ - $R^4$ ,  $N(R^2)[C_{1-8}$  alkylene] $_aR^4$ ;  $NCOR^2$ , or  $SR^4$ ;  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  independently represent hydrogen,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $CF_3$ , Ar or Het;  $R^3$  represents a direct link or  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl; is 0 or 1; Ar represents an aromatic ring, optionally

fused to a heterocyclic ring, and/or optionally substituted with one or more groups as described below; Het represents a heterocyclic ring optionally substituted with one or more groups as described below, and/or optionally fused to an aromatic ring which is optionally substituted with one or more groups as described below; at each occurrence  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkylene and  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl may be independently optionally substituted with one or more groups as described below; substituent groups for Ar, Het,  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkylene and  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl referred to the above are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl],  $C_{1-8}$  and  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl are useful for treating anxiety, cardiovascular disease (including angina, atherosclerosis, hypertension, heart failure, edema, hypernatremia), dysmenorrhoea (primary and secondary), endometriosis, emesis (including motion sickness), intrauterine growth retardation, inflammation (including rheumatoid arthritis), mittelschmerz, preclampsia, premature ejaculation, premature (preterm) labor and Raynaud's disease.

